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Thanksgiving



GREETINGS

"MY WEIGHT MAY TIP THE SCALES!"

You say the little efforts that I make
Will do no good;
They never will prevail to tip the hovering
scale
Where Justice hangs in balance.
I don't believe I ever thought they would;
But I am prejudiced beyond debate
In favor of my right to choose
Which side shall feel the stubborn ounces
of my weight!

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L. J. Capplemann wins Progressive Farmer's "Man of the Year" Award

Lester J. Capplemann, Texas State Director, Farmers Home Administration, has been selected by the Progressive Farmer for their annual "Man of the Year" award in Agriculture for the year 1953. Their citation reads "For conspicuous service in promoting improved farming and living practices." This honor is a well-deserved one as "Cap" heads the largest state FHA organization, doing the biggest—by far—volume of farm rehabilitation work through FHA's program of supervised loans. An example is the Special Livestock Loan program which his agency took on July 1, in addition to their regular seasonal loan load. To date a total of over \$23,000,000.00 has been loaned to drouth-stricken farmer-ranchmen in that phase of loan-aid emanating from the Dallas office. Progressive Farmer magazine points out that one of the reasons for FHA's conspicuous success in rehabilitating Texas FHA borrowers is Cap's emphatic insistence on county supervisors stressing such sound farm practices as insect control; weed eradication, soil-building, and diversification of crops. These are almost a religion with Cap and he never fails to drive home his convictions along such lines at every county and district meeting he attends. His enthusiasm is contagious and has spread down to county and community level all over the vast reaches of this great state.

The USDA News is happy to see this fact recognized by such a nationally known, influential publication as the Progressive Farmer.

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WENDELL P. PICKERING RESIGNS USDA CLUB CHAIRMANSHIP

At the 12th meeting of the USDA Board of Directors Wendell Pickering, Chairman of the Work of the Department Committee handed in his resignation due to his transfer out of the Department. On the motion of Truman J. Cunningham that the USDA Club accept the res-

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Did You Know..

That the best form of gambling and one that is legal is betting on yourself?

...That it's fine to talk straight from the shoulder, but it's better to talk from higher up?

...That women's slacks don't come in odd sizes—they just get that way from wear?

...That to "darn" your luck is not the best way to mend it?

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... PICKERING RESIGNS ...
(Continued from left column)
ignation with extreme regret, Lee P. Pierson suggested the amendment to have the motion include the Club's deep appreciation to Mr. Pickering for the wonderful job he has done with his committee. Both the motion and the amendment were carried unanimously.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED

President Howard Martin has appointed the following USDA Club members to serve as a nominating committee to report at the December meeting their selections to be voted on for USDA Club officers for 1954:

Arch F. Rounsaville, Commodity Stabilization Service, Office of Audit, (Chairman); John J. Slaughter, Agricultural Marketing Service, Foods Distribution Division; Truman J. Cunningham, Commodity Stabilization Service, Commodity Office; Tulane Smith, FHA State Office; J. Elbert Hudson, FHA Area Finance; Lee P. Pierson, SOL, and James M. Piester, SCS.

Nominations will also be in order from the floor.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LOSING SOME GOOD MEN.

Several able longtime USDA employees said adios to Agriculture the past month. In the projected move of the FMA Area Finance Office to St. Louis early next year the loss is naturally heaviest, and the process is accelerating as the move draws nearer. Probably all those quitting or transferring would have been invited to move to St. Louis—possibly at a cut in grade or salary but most decided their roots were too deep here and accepted positions elsewhere. As we go to press some of those transferring out of, or resigning from, U S D A are the following:-

WENDELL PHILLIPS PICKERING.

Mr. Pickering has spent 21 years in the Department entering on duty with FCA in Salt Lake in 1932. Previous to that he served a 4-year hitch in the Navy. He leaves his job as Chief, Administration Accounting Section to take a similar position with the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service. "Pick" as he was called by his friends, was one of the most active members of the USDA Club, being Chairman of the Work of the Department Committee at his transfer. He was re-appointed to the position by incoming President Howard Martin after filling the job with distinction in 1952. He came to Dallas in 1947 by way of Wichita Kansas, when ECFL and FSA were merged to form Farmers Home Administration. He is well grounded in commercial law, banking, and accounting. The only reason Pick wasn't named "Member of the Month" was because he and his committee were too busy picking out others for the Board to confer the honor on. He will make Treasury a top hand, and deserves one for his job here.

MAX W. ULERY.

Mr. Ulery began his USDA work with the old Resettlement Administration, fore-runner of FMA, in Denver. He transferred to Dallas in 1936 and had worked his way up to Chief, Administrative Services Division at the time of his transfer to General Services, Nov. 2. Max has been an active member of the Club from the beginning. He was the first to be awarded Member of the Month after the honor citations had been initiated. During the last official fuss (Japan) he served as a Glider Pilot among other things...we don't know just what they finally decided Max was best at... From personal acquaintance it is the writers opinion that Max wouldn't know how to go about being "so-so" at any job he tackled. It would have to be "superior" to be average with him. A credit to USDA—that's Max.

(SEE PAGE 4 for more about other workers leaving USDA for other agencies.)

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USDA PARTY TO BE A "DILLY"

The promise of Tulane Smith, Chairman of the Personal Acquaintance and Arrangements Committee, and his hard-working assistant, Rich Richardson, is that the annual pre-Christmas party, scheduled for December 11 will be the best yet. There will be food (buffet style) with appropriate appetizers, hot and cold drinks, music and dancing and chances on some wonderful door prizes—a big fat turkey and a flavorful sugar-cured ham. Chances on the door prizes are given with your donation to the USDA entertainment fund which covers everything. 1 chance 25 cents, 5 for the bargain price of a dollar donation. You won't have to be present to win the door prize but you sure will lose if you aren't there! The place? The VFW Clubhouse, 2115 Commerce, heart of the downtown section. Come right after work (6:00PM the official starting time) and stay as long as you like! See ya!

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TRICYCLE-Like new! Make excellent Christmas present. Paid \$15, take \$10.00. Call ROSE CAREL, 2062, or YA-5852.

THANKSGIVING EVERY DAY

Count your blessings while you may,
 You often hear someone say,
 And truly that is something you
 Should ne'er forget—and always do!
 For all things good that come your way,
 Every minute of every day,
 Gratefully, and with reverence,
 Thank a Divine Providence.

EVERY MINUTE OF EVERY DAY

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS WHILE YOU MAY.

—Jimmy Hyles

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ATTRACTIVE CHRISTMAS DISCOUNTS LINED UP FOR YOU!

Russell Vernon and his Welfare Committee have announced the following attractive discounts available for all USDA members.

For jewelry, watches, Ronson lighters, silverware, and other items see Texas Wholesale Jewelers, fifth floor Praetorian Building, Main at Stone. Just walk in and shop around, tell them you are employed by (name your agency) and mention the Department of Agriculture. Discounts up to 30 and 35 per cent.

A new place, and red-hot for Christmas bargains is Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, display and store in the old FMA office building just in the Fair grounds on Parry. Bicycles and guns, 20 per cent off; toys—a wide selection—tricycles, etc, 25 to 50 per cent off. Russell advises that you shop early if you want a good selection on toys as they will go fast at the price discount.

Russell Stover Candies—all of you have been circled on this item which offers the USDA Club an attractive bonus discount on 1,000 pound lots, so let's all turn in our orders to your central reporting agent not later than December 3, so Secretary Helen Parks can get in the order by the deadline date of Dec. 5th. Many of you have already taken advantage of the nice price on Prestone antifreeze Russell dug up for car owners...Incidentally, the Goodyear discounts do not apply to tires and tubes as these are contract items.

Quotes...

"Crime will be abolished when those who are not wronged feel the same indignation as those who are!" (Solon, wise man of Athens)

IT's a sad house where the hen crows louder than the rooster.—Old English proverb

Would that something I say here might be quoted by others a thousand years hence!--your editor.

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HUSBAND OF BAVA STILLEY TO BE GIVEN HIGH HONOR.

The latest issue of the Cotton Trade Journal, of Memphis Tennessee, notes that Jay C. Stilley, Executive Vice President of the Texas Cotton Ginners Association, will have that group's new office building now being constructed in Dallas (near FIA's Holland building) dedicated to him in recognition of his unselfish work in making the Texas Association one of the most outstanding in the nation. Jay is the husband of Bava B. Stilley, Agricultural Marketing, Foods Distribution Division, and has many friends in USDA who are happy for both of them.

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MRS. PEARL SLOVAK PASSES AWAY.

The many USDA friends of Pearl Cramer Slovak, FMA Area Finance employee, were saddened at her sudden demise last Sunday.

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R. WOODIE EVERETT AND JOHN ELLIS TRANSFER; WILLARD HODGES RESIGNS...

The three foregoing are the latest FMA longtime employees to be lost to the Department through transfer of FMA Finance Office to St. Louis.